

And when I first became a candidate for the position I am so honored to hold today, it was my dear friend, "Mr. Hollis," who penned the very first editorial endorsement for my candidacy, even though I was running as a Republican in a congressional district different from his.

Several years ago, "Mr. Hollis" began featuring someone from our community who had made a positive difference in the lives of others. One week, he chose my father's twin brother, Uncle James, to be in the spotlight.

Some months later, when Uncle James had passed away, I wrote "Mr. Hollis" a letter and thanked him for taking the time to recognize someone who had long since been out of the limelight but who so appreciated the attention and recognition that came from the pages of his newspaper.

And that, Mr. Speaker, is the real reason I rise today—to pause and pay tribute to a man who has spent almost all of his adult life writing about others, telling of their joys and sorrows—good times and bad—and for once, I want him to realize how truly special he is to all of us.

In some ways, I guess, I looked at this like when George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart in the 1946 hit, *It's a Wonderful Life*, realized that with the help of an angel named Clarence, it had been a wonderful life after all.

I know an entire community of friends and admirers join me in saluting M. Hollis Curl and wishing him many more years of editorials and commentaries. And to his wonderful wife, Glenda, their children, Mark and Julie, and their grandchildren—thank you for sharing this extraordinary person with us for all these years. May God continue to bless them all with good health and happiness.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICK HARLOW

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Harlow in recognition of his heroic act in 2001 of saving a neighbor who was being attacked by three dogs.

During the harrowing 2001 incident, Rick was injured and subsequently spent 3 years in a care center. Mr. Harlow made the best of his tenure in the care center by playing his guitar for the elderly and even playing at an in-house wedding for a couple who met and married in the nursing home.

Mr. Harlow was born and raised in Washington State and initially came to Nevada in 1990 on assignment to construct architectural aerial maps of the Hoover Dam area. What originally began as a mere job appointment has evolved into a long term living arrangement, as Rick has been a proud Nevada resident for 16 years now.

Mr. Harlow has always been active and held a love for nature and the outdoors. In 1994 he suffered an unfortunate rock climbing accident where he fell 35–40 feet and sustained a compression fracture to his back in addition to a lacerated liver and ruptured spleen. Mr. Harlow underwent 3 years of recuperation and physical therapy to walk again. He is a proven fighter both for himself and others as he quite

valiantly demonstrated by rescuing his neighbor from that brutal dog attack 5 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Rick Harlow. His passion for life is inspirational. I applaud him for his heroism and wish him the best with his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JACK RODGERS

#### HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extensive public service of one of Columbus, Georgia's finest residents, Jack Rodgers.

Jack is retiring from the Columbus Council this year after more than 20 years of service. Jack first came to Columbus in 1961, when it was a very different place. He has worked for Ford Motor Company, and also served as the chairman and CEO of his own mortgage company.

But serving in the corporate world was not enough for Jack—he began his service in the realm of government as well, winning election to the Columbus Council and then being elected as Mayor Pro Tem in January of 1999. Through his service on the Columbus Council, Jack has served as Budget Committee chairman and Ethics Committee chairman. He has been a delegate to the National League of Cities, and has been heavily involved in the Georgia Municipal Association, including service as a Finance Committee Member.

Jack has also served in a number of community organizations, including Rotary, and taught at Chattahoochee Valley Community College for 7 years.

Jack loves his family, and has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 43 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Although we hate to see Jack finish his service in the government arena, we are grateful that he will continue to be involved in the community as he moves into retirement.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Rodgers provides a role model to us all of service to others, and we are extremely grateful for his dedication.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HONORABLE RICHARD A. BOSWORTH, SR.

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Retired Senior District Judge Richard A. Bosworth, Sr. who passed away last year following a courageous battle with cancer. Judge Bosworth was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 26, 1922. The Great Depression prompted his family to move to the South Plains of West Texas, where his father worked as a share cropper during the dust bowl years of the mid 30s.

Richard graduated from high school in 1939 and paid his way through Texas Tech College by working in the cotton fields during the summer months and working part-time jobs during

the school year. After graduating from Tech in December 1942, he was immediately called to active duty as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps. Richard obtained his pilot wings and commission as a 2nd Lt., and went on to fly 50 combat missions over Europe as a B-24 pilot. Richard's service was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters among other decorations.

Richard later applied for and received a regular commission in the U.S. Air Force where he spent the next 30 years of his life holding assignments including Wing Commander of the 97th Bomb Wing (B-52s and KC-135 tankers). It was in the service that he met his future wife, Carolyn, who was working as a Red Cross nurse in Montgomery, Alabama. The two were married in 1959 in Sylacauga, Alabama, and had three sons, Rick, Brian, and Greg.

In 1972 he retired from the Air Force as a Colonel and enrolled in law school at Texas Tech University. Upon receiving his JD in 1974, he began practicing law in the Greenville area until he was appointed Judge of the Hunt County Court at Law in 1983. In 1985, he became judge of the newly created 354th District Court which covered Hunt, Rains, and, later, Rockwall Counties. Judge Bosworth served in the 354th until his retirement in January of 1996, after which he continued his work as a visiting judge throughout Northeast Texas. The Judge was an inspiration and a great source of encouragement to two of my sons who practiced in his court. One, Brett, has been honored to succeed Judge Bosworth and is just finishing his second 4 year term. Blakeley is practicing and doing well.

Judge Bosworth dedicated his life to serving his country, first as a member of the military community and later as a member of the judiciary. His dedication to strengthening this nation spanned more than six decades and included service in two branches of government. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this wonderful patriot—Judge Richard Bosworth.

#### RECOGNIZING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS AT SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize the students, teachers and administrators at Sun Valley High School located in Indian Trail, North Carolina. Over the past two weeks, Sun Valley students have given more than \$23,000 out of their pockets to help the less fortunate in their area. This money will go to a program called the Sun Valley Children's Christmas Party, which will help needy elementary children in their area who won't have a Christmas.

The Sun Valley Children's Christmas Party has been helping impoverished children for more than three decades. It began as a small project to help a handful of needy families experience the joy of Christmas. Today, thanks to the generosity of the Sun Valley community, 30 to 35 needy elementary children, and their families, will have a Happy Christmas this year.